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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/DK2003/000565 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>28 August 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>28 August 2002 |
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TITLE OF INVENTION A CLAMPING STRAP, A PIPE END JOINT AND AN EXHAUST SYSTEM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Lars Christian LARSEN and Peter John LAMBE

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto.
  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a.  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10.  An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

## Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A preliminary amendment.
14.  An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15.  A substitute specification.
16.  A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18.  A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19.  A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20.  Other items or information: PCT/ISA/210; PCT/IPEA/409; PCT/IB/332; PCT/IB/304; PCT/IB/308 & One (1) sheet of Formal Drawing

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known; see 37 CFR 1.6)   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.   |              | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <b>10/1525413 NEW</b>   |              | PCT/DK2003/000565   |              | 2081-0130PUS1            |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| The following fees have been submitted  |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee ..... \$300  |              |   |              | CALCULATIONS             |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100<br>All other situations ..... \$200   |              |   |              | PTO USE ONLY             |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br><br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100<br>International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400<br>All other situations ..... \$500  |              |   |              | \$ 300.00                |  |                        |    |                       |    |
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| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>   |              |   |              | \$ 1,000.00              |  |                        |    |                       |    |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| CLAIMS  |              | NUMBER FILED  | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE                     |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| Total claims  |              | 10 - 20 =   | x            | \$ 0.00                  |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| Independent claims  |              | 1 - 3 =   | x            | \$ 0.00                  |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable) YES   |              | + 360.00  |              | \$ 360.00                |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b> \$ 1,490.00  |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.  |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b> \$ 1,490.00   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). + \$   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b> \$ 1,490.00   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$  |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b> \$ 1,490.00  |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
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| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 1,490.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:   |              |   |              |                          |  |                        |    |                       |    |
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The PTO is requested to use the amended sheets/claims attached hereto (which correspond to Article 19 amendments or to claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Article 34)) during prosecution of the above-identified national phase PCT application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: February 22, 2005

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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